

Connecticut's Plan For Food Production

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Holcomb occupies a prominent place on the blank: "Above all things, our country needs in this national crisis men to serve their country in the military and naval forces and men and women to serve their country by producing and conserving food supplies for our people and our allies."

The section of the pledge blank which the individual signs is addressed "To the Hon. Marcus H. Holcomb, Governor," and says, "In order to do my part to meet the crisis now faced by my state and country I hereby volunteer to perform the following services."

Under each of the five headings there is space for the individual to sign name and address. One part of the information asked has to do with the service performed in food raising a year ago, and this is considered important by the governor's committee, as the desire is to show just what is accomplished this year in the way of food crop increases through the efforts of the many agencies which are now at work in the state trying to solve this problem.

Under the head of "Farm Production" the individual signs a pledge saying, "I agree to increase my acreage of food crops as follows." Places are provided in which figures for 1916 results and 1917 estimates may be given under the head of corn, potatoes, buckwheat, oats, rye, beans, cabbage, turnips and onions.

Under the head of "Planting Home Gardens" the individual signs a pledge agreeing to plant and tend a garden this season and telling the size of the space which will be used. Questions as to the size of a home garden cultivated in 1916 also are asked. It is stated that the individual may secure individual instructions and printed matter to guide in the selection of seeds and method of planting from the town clerk.

Under the head of "Labor" the individual may sign the following pledge: "I agree to offer my services to some farmer in my locality, arrangements for wages to be made direct with him." There is a space for a statement as to the number of hours each week which the individual can devote to farm work. It is stated that those volunteering under this head should get in touch with farmers in their immediate locality, either directly or through the town clerk, whose office will be used as the local employment bureau for this purpose. The question is asked as to farm work which may have been done in 1916.

The next heading is "Home Canning." The pledge the individual signs is a promise to do some canning this summer. The question is asked as to experience in canning work and whether any was done by the individual last year. The final question under this head is, "Would you like to join a canning club in order to learn canning?"

The last subdivision is concerning "Garden Supervisors." Under this heading the individual offers his services to take charge of the supervision of part of the home garden work in his town and to aid in any way he is able to advise people engaged in the work.

These blanks are to be signed and returned to the town clerk in each town, who will forward them to the Hartford headquarters of the Connecticut committee of food supply for recording.